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PROF. KEKEH WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, UCLA AT BERKELEY, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO, IF POSSIBLE, AS WELL AS SOME LEADING SCHOOLS ATTENDED PREDOMINANTLY BY BLACK AMERICANS. HE WOULD LIKE TO SPEND TWO OR THREE DAYS IN BOULDER, COLORADO, TO VISIT GRAND CANYON, DISNEYLAND AND THE CAPE KENNEDY SPACE CENTER. HE IS MUCH INTERESTED IN BEING IN TOUCH WITH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND FACULTY AND IN HAVING SCIENTIFIC AND ART EXPOSURES. DR. KEKEH IS WILLING TO LECTURE IN FRENCH ON, FOR EXAMPLE: AFRICAN YOUTH FACING PROBLEMS SPECIFICALLY AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. IN NEW YORK, HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT CLARENCE HOUSE (SMALL TOWN - SIC) TO MEET OLD FRIENDS, AND TO BE PUT IN TOUCH WITH THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY.

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PAO SUGGESTS THAT PROFESSOR KEKEH, AS DEAN OF THE FACULTY

OF SCIENCE AT BENIN UNIVERSITY AND SPECIALIST IN PHYSICS, WOULD FIND A VISIT TO THE EROS INSTALLATION AT SIOUX CITY, IOWA, EXTREMELY VALUABLE. THE APPLICATIONS OF SATELLITE FACILITIES HAVE ALREADY PROVEN RELEVANT TO ALL FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TO SMALL COUNTRIES AS WELL AS LARGE ONES. DR. KEKEH IS CERTAIN TO HAVE A HEIGHTENED AWARENESS OF THE COOPERATIVE ROLES POSSIBLE BETWEEN TOGO AND THE UNITED STATES IN THESE AREAS OF ENDEAVOR IF THIS STEP CAN BE SCHEDULED FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

PROF. KEKEH IS AN EXTREMELY GRACIOUS AND AGREEABLE PERSONALITY. AAI WILL NO DOUBT FIND HIM AMENABLE TO THOUGHTFUL PROPOSALS AND FLEXIBLE IN ACCEPTING WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE IN HIS BEHALF. HE IS BOTH SERIOUS AND CONSCIENTIOUS SO THAT NO PAINS TAKEN TO ENRICH HIS EXPERIENCE WILL BE WASTED OR GO UNAPPRECIATED.

IN ADDITION TO THE PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON OF HIS BROTHER, THE TOGOLESE AMBASSADOR, PROF. KEKEH'S VISIT HAS BEEN PRECEDED BY THAT OF ANOTHER BROTHER, DR. KOFFI KEKEH, DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSIQY OF BENIN, WHO WAS AN IV GRANTEE IN 1973. NATURALLY THEIR IMPRESSIONS COUNT HEAVILY IN PROF. KEKEH'S OWN PROGRAM CHOICES.

IT SHOULD BE ADDED THAT PROF. KEKEH SPEAKS FRENCH ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY. HIS ESCORT SHOULD BE A PERSON SENSITIVE TO FRENCH COURTESIES AND NUANCES. HE WOULD FIND ANY FRENCH-SPEAKING COMMUNITIES OR AREAS OF THE U.S., SUCH AS NEW ORLEANS, EXTREMELY INTERESTING ALTHOUGH WITH HIS NATURAL CHARM AND WARMTH, HE WOULD BE AT HOME AMONG ANY GROUP OF PEOPLE OF SUBSTANCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT.

POST REQUESTS FULL PHOTO AND STORY COVERAGE OF DR. KEKEH'S VISIT, PARTICULARLY OF HIS CONTACTS IN THE TOGOLESE DIPLOMATIC AND ACADEMIC CIRCLES AND AMONG AMERICANS OF NOTE, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN UNIVERSITY AND SCIENTIFIC CIRCLES. NO COVERAGE, HOWEVER SHOULD BE INTRUSIVE OR EXCEED DR. KEKEH'S PREFERENCES. ID NO. 35-TO-76-0068. RAWLS

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